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1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN OCTOBER 16, MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI ANNOUNCED THAT KING HASSAN HAD JUST SAID, ON MOROCCAN RADIO, THAT INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE HAD GIVEN LEGITIMACY IN ITS RULING TODAY TO MOROCCAN CLAIMS TO SPANISH SAHARA. MOROCCO WILL ORGANIZE OCTOBER 17 A CIVILIAN POPULAR MARCH OF 350,000 PEOPLE (TEN PERCENT OF THEM WOMEN) "ON A WALK INTO SPANISH SAHARA." THIS IS A CIVILIAN MARCH, AND ALL RESORT TO FORCE IS EXCLUDED. "IF THE ADMINISTERING POWER (SPAIN) WANTS TO OPPOSE IT, IT MUST TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY," LARKI SAID. HE DESCRIBED IT AS THE GREATEST CIVILIAN MARCH OF ALL TIME, AND INVITED CORRESPONDENTS TO GO VIEW IT. THE 350,000 HAD ALL VOLUNTEERED THROUGH REGISTRATION. ASKED WHO WAS GIVING PERMISSION FOR THEM TO ENTER SPANISH SAHARA, HE SAID, "THERE IS NO NEED FOR PERMISSION BECAUSE THEY

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ARE ENTERING OUR COUNTRY." HE ADDED THAT MARCH WOULD GO

FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AND EAST TO WEST.

2. LARAKI OBSERVED THAT MOROCCO HAD WAITED 20 YEARS FOR THE COURTS' VERDICT AND NOW WAS GOING TO ACT. THE MARCH WOULD GO PEACEFULLY INTO THE AREA AND IF THE ADMINISTERING POWER CAUSED GENOCIDE, IT WILL BE ON THEIR HEADS. HE ADDED THAT MAURITANIA GOES ALONG WITH THE MOROCCAN MOVE. LARAKI WOULD NOT SAY HOW LONG THE 350,000 PEOPLE WOULD STAY IN THE SAHARA. ASKED WHY MOROCCO DOES NOT WAIT FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ACT ON THE COURT'S RULING, HE SAID, "THE COURT IS THE HIGHEST LEGAL ORGAN AND WELL LINKED TO THE ASSEMBLY."
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